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House Joint Resolution No. 54

House of Representatives, March 29, 2017

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. GUERRERA of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A BYPASS THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration's plan to construct
2 a bypass on the Northeast Corridor between Old Saybrook,
3 Connecticut, and Kenyon, Rhode Island, has negatively impacted the
4 communities of southeastern Connecticut; and

5 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will be disruptive to the
6 scenic, peaceful and historic towns of southeastern Connecticut; and

7 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will cause a decline in
8 property values, divide neighborhoods and negatively affect tourist
9 areas of southeastern Connecticut; and

10 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will significantly
11 damage the fragile and unique ecology of the Connecticut River
12 Estuary and irreparably harm Old Lyme's nationally registered

13 historical landmarks; and

14 WHEREAS, the construction of such bypass will have a devastating
15 impact on environmentally precious areas, home sales, farm land and
16 businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, merely the threat of such bypass has halted real estate
18 transactions in southeastern Connecticut's communities.

19 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the plan to construct a
20 bypass on the Northeast Corridor between Old Saybrook, Connecticut,
21 and Kenyon, Rhode Island, be eliminated from the Federal Railroad
22 Administration's plan, NEC Future, before the Federal Railroad
23 Administration makes a final recommendation; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, suitably
25 engrossed, be sent to the Federal Railroad Administration.

TRA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	25

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There would be a cost of approximately \$25 in FY 18 for the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) to print and mail copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to the Federal Railroad Administration.

The Out Years

As this is a one-time expenditure, there would be no future costs.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/17/2017)